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FOR CAPT. JJB RODGERS OR CHAPLIN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, AR

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION

REF: A.BUENOS AIRES 4284, B.BUENOS AIRES 4364

- 1. DEPARTMENT HAS OBTAINED VERBAL AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE EDUARDO GARIBOTTO IN A VA HOSPITAL FROM GUY MCMICHAEL, GENERAL COUNCIL FOR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AT THE DIRECTION OF JOSEPH MAXWELL CLELAND, DIRECTOR VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.
- 2. AS GOA IS WILLING TO COVER ALL COSTS, AND EMBASSY HAS STATED SUCH ACTION IS IN U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST, ARA HAS NO RESERVATIONS ABOUT REQUESTING ADMISSION TO A VA FACILITY FOR GARIBOTTO. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. DETERMINATION OF APPROPRIATE HOSPITAL FACILITY CANNOT BE MADE IN TIME FOR MONDAY FLIGHT. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE IT BEST HAVE GOA EMBASSY WASHINGTON ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS BASED ON GARIBOTTO'S PRESENT CONDITION. ALTERNATIVE IS TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE FROM ARGENTINA PENDING RESOLUTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES.

DEPARTMENT'S KNOWLEDGE OF PROBABLE LOCATION OF SPECIALIZED VA FACILITY IS LIMITED. WE ASSUME IT MAY BE NEW YORK VA PROSTHETIC CENTER.

4. IF DEPARTURE ON MONDAY IS NECESSARY, WE SUGGEST GOA MAKE IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEIR EMBASSY. DEPARTMENT WILL COOPERATE AS NEEDED WITH GOA EMBASSY. VANCE

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